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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT TRANSMITTAL

Sir:

In accordance with Applicants' continued duty of disclosure, the documents on the attached Form PTO-1449 are brought to the Examiner's attention. Copies of the non-US-patent documents are enclosed. Per MPEP 609 III A (3), also enclosed is a copy of the Chinese Office action (with partial English translation by the Chinese patent agent) in which said documents are cited.

The undersigned hereby certifies that each item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the information disclosure statement.

The undersigned submits the above-identified references for independent consideration by the Examiner and does not make any admission that these references are or are not material to the present invention or that these references are or are not prior

art with respect to the present invention.

No fee is believed to be due as a result of this response. Should the Commissioner determine that a fee is due, he is hereby authorized to charge said fee to Deposit Account No. 21-0279.

Respectfully submitted,

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